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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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In re Application of
Peter A. Goode, et al.
Application No. 09/992,681
Filed: November 19, 2001
For: DOWNHOLE MEASUREMENT APPARATUS
AND TECHNIQUE

This is in reply applicant's Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 30, 2003.

The petition is DISMISSED.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office action dated March 17, 2003 and a Notice to that effect was mailed on October 21, 2003.

Petitioner states that a response to the above noted Office action was filed on March 26, 2003 by facsimile transmission. The copy of the response submitted with the petition includes a Certificate of Transmission dated March 26, 2003.

Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based upon a Certificate of Transmission by facsimile must include the following requirements:

- (1) A copy of the original response bearing a signed Certificate of Transmission which includes the date of signing; and
- (2) A statement under 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3) attesting to the personal knowledge of transmitting the original response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Transmission (see 37 CFR 1.8 and MPEP 512).

While meeting requirement (1) above the petition fails, under requirement (2), to also include a statement under 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3) attesting to the personal knowledge of sending the original response by facsimile transmission on the date indicated on the certificate, by the person who signed the certificate.

Further, the copy of the facsimile transmission report having the March 26, 2003 date cannot be relied upon as proof of timely filing the response. See section 512 of the MPEP.

It is noted applicants' correspondence address in the petition is different than that shown in the response attached thereto, and the address provided in declaration. To avoid any future confusion applicant should promptly notify the Office of the correct correspondence address. For this decision only a copy of this decision will be sent to the Houston address.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.81."



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